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T:WSCHNEIDER

PM:PHUGHES

PM/STA:WGUSMAN

T:PSMITH

DOD:DHAMILTON {SUBS}

OES:RMORRIS

EAP/C:SSCHLAIKER

EUR/RPE:SMCGINNIS

DOC:JSEEVARATNAM {SUBS}

PRIORITY LONDON

ROUTINE PARIS, MOSCOW, BEIJING

E.O. 12356: N/A

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TAGS: TSPA, ESTC, ETTC, KOMC, UK

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SUBJECT: INMARSAT: USE OF SOVIET OR PRC LAUNCH SERVICES

1. EMBASSY LONDON IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE LETTER BELOW FROM UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE SCHNEIDER TO DR. OLAF LUNDBERG AT THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANIZATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

DR. OLAF LUNDBERG
DIRECTOR GENERAL
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE ORGANIZATION
LONDON, U.K.

DEAR DR. LUNDBERG:

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED YOUR LETTER TO ME OF APRIL 29 CONCERNING THE USE OF THE SOVIET PROTON SPACE LAUNCH VEHICLE {SLV} FOR PLACING INMARSAT SATELLITES IN ORBIT, AS WELL AS YOUR MORE RECENT INQUIRY REGARDING POSSIBLE USE OF A PRC LAUNCHER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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~~EXPORTS~~ TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE CURRENTLY TREATED DIFFERENTLY FROM THOSE TO THE SOVIET UNION UNDER U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. U.S.-ORIGIN TECHNOLOGY AND HARDWARE THAT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR A SATELLITE INTENDED FOR LAUNCH FROM THE PRC WOULD STILL REQUIRE AN EXPORT LICENSE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ITAR. IN PRINCIPLE, SUCH A LICENSE COULD BE GRANTED; HOWEVER, FINAL DETERMINATION WOULD DEPEND UPON RECEIPT OF A SPECIFIC APPLICATION WHICH WOULD DETAIL THE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTING THE SATELLITE AND ITS TECHNOLOGY.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU INTEND TO PURSUE THE OPTION OF USING PRC LAUNCHERS SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THE APPLICABLE TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURES.

~~WITH WARMEST REGARDS~~ 73

WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, JR.

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ADDITIONAL ADDRESSEES

5. ACDA:MBRINCK

10. CIP:DOLMSTEAD

11. EB/EWT:ECASTRO

12. L/EB

13. PM/MC:SKOUANELIS

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